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Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Applications:

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Art Unit</u>
08/970,427	November 14, 1997	2765
08/979,568	November 26, 1997	2851

The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U.S. applications may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

The above-listed co-pending applications are not to be construed as prior art. By bringing the above-listed applications to the attention of the Examiner, Applicants do NOT waive any confidentiality concerning the above-listed co-pending applications or this application. See MPEP § 101. Furthermore, if said applications should not mature into patents, such applications

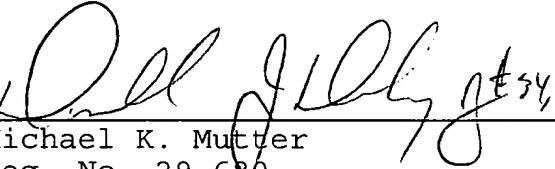
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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